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# Renewable Energy Resources Program

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*Part of the 32 kW PV system on the DuSable Museum of African American History. Pictured is the 10 kW array that shades the skylights.*

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## Creating Jobs With Renewable Energy

By encouraging the development of renewable energy, the Renewable Energy Resources Program creates jobs and fosters economic growth. Solar energy businesses in Illinois have grown significantly as a result of DCEO's support for renewable energy.

Solargenix Energy established a high-capacity manufacturing facility for their solar thermal collectors on Chicago's South Side that employs 17 people. Depending on demand, Solargenix uses contractors that employ up to 30 installers.

Solar Service, located in Niles, has grown from a one-man operation to a small business with 15 employees. With over 30 years experience, Solar Service has designed and installed over 1000 solar systems.

Solara Systems, located in Bristol, has specialized in the installation and maintenance of solar systems since 1985. Solara currently has five employees.





*Part of the 50.4 MW Mendota Hills Wind Farm, the first utility-scale*

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## **Renewable Energy Resources Program**

DCEO administers the Renewable Energy Resources Program (RERP) to encourage utilization of renewable energy and support economic development in the state of Illinois. The RERP will, to the extent funds are available, fund projects increasing the utilization of renewable energy technologies in Illinois. The primary focus of the Renewable Energy Resources Program this fiscal year is solar and wind energy. Should sufficient funding be available, the Department may entertain applications for other types of environmentally preferable renewable energy.

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For more information regarding DCEO's Renewable Energy Resources Program please visit [www.illinoisenergy.org](http://www.illinoisenergy.org).



*d turbine installation in Illinois. Photo by Jennifer Zimmerman*

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## **Solar Thermal and Solar PV Rebates**

Under this Request For Application (RFA) the Department provides a rebate for eligible project costs related to a solar thermal or solar photovoltaic system installation. Applicants may qualify for a rebate award equal to 30% of eligible project costs up to \$10,000.

## **Solar Thermal Grants**

Grant funding is also available for large-scale solar thermal systems. Under this RFA the Department may provide a grant award equal to 30 percent of eligible project costs, with a maximum grant amount of \$400,000.

## **Wind Development Grants**

The Department also provides grant funding for the development of utility-scale wind projects of at least 0.5 MW of nameplate capacity. Projects that clearly demonstrate the potential to provide an economic or environmental benefit to the state of Illinois may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in planning and development assistance.

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